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SUBJECT: POLISH-CZECHOSLOVAK SUMMIT MEETING

1. SUMMARY: VISIT OF POLISH PARTY AND STATE DELEGATION
HEADED BY PUWP FIRST SECRETARY EDWARD GIEREK JULY 4-6 RESULTED
IN CONFIRMATION OF EXISTING FORMS OF POLISH-CZECHOSLOVAK
COOPERATION, BUT NO NEW DEPARTURES. JOINT COMMUNIQUE AND SIX
PART DOCUMENT ON DEEPENING COOPERATION AT ALL LEVELS FOLLOWED PATTERN
OF RECENT EXCHANGES OF VISITS OF EE LEADERS. END SUMMARY.

2. COMBINED PARTY AND STATE DELEGATIONS FROM BOTH SIDES (NAMES IN
FBIS) WERE LARGE AND REPRESENTED ECONOMIC, FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND
POLITICAL/IDEOLOGICAL INTERESTS. PARTICIPATION BY LEADERS OF NON-
COMMUNIST POLITICAL PARTIES FROM BOTH COUNTRIES FOLLOWED POLISH
PATTERN. AVAILABLE EVIDENCE, INCLUDING COMMUNIQUE'S DESCRIPTION OF
ATMOSPHERE OF "FRATERNAL FRIENDSHIP AND COMPLETE MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING
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SUGGESTS TALKS WENT WELL.

3. REFERENCES TO SOVIET UNION. IN SPEECHES TO ASSEMBLY OF PRAGUE
WORKERS JULY 6, BOTH HUSAK AND GIEREK MADE REQUISITE BOWS IN THE
DIRECTION OF THE SOVIET UNION AND THE CPSU, BUT HUSAK WAS, UNSURPRISE
NGLY

BY FAR THE MORE FULSOME. GIEREK MADE ONLY A PASSING REFERENCE TO BREZHNEV AND DWELT MORE ON THE HISTORY OF CZECHOSLOVAK-POLISH TIES. HUSAK MENTIONED POLISH ROLE IN LIBERATION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA ONLY BRIEFLY; GIEREK DWELT ON CZECH-POLISH WARTIME COOPERATION AT SOME LENGTH, MENTIONING GENERALS SWIERCZEWSKY AND SVOBODA BY NAME.

4. HUMAN RIGHTS AND DOMESTIC AFFAIRS. IN VIELED REFERENCE TO WESTERN HUMAN RIGHTS CAMPAIGN AND THIS YEAR'S TROUBLES WITH CHARTER 77,

HUSAK SAID "THE PROCESS OF DEVELOPING SOCIALIST DEMOCRACY IS NOT COMPLETED AND IT IS OUR TASK FURTHER TO IMPROVE OUR DEMOCRACY. BUT WE WILL NOT TAKE EXAMPLES FROM BOURGEOIS DEMOCRACY WITH WHICH OUR PEOPLE HAVE HAD ENOUGH BITTER EXPERIENCES." GIEREK, WITH FRANKNESS WE IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA ARE UNACCUSTOMED TO, SAID "WE ARE SUCCESSFULLY SOLVING SIGNIFICANT SOCIAL PROBLEMS, THE LIKES OF WHICH CAPIALIST COUNTRIES MUCH RICHER THAN WE, COUNTRIES WHICH DID NOT HAVE TO OVERCOME HISTORICAL BACKWARDNESS AND TO RECOVER FROM TREMENDOUS WAR DAMAGE, DO NOT EVEN KNOW."

5. COMMUNIQUE: JOINT COMMUNIQUE PRINTED IN RUDE PRAVO JULY 7 WAS ROUTINE. NEITHER IT NOR THE JOINT DOCUMENT PROVIDE ANY DIRECT EVIDENCE THAT EURO-COMMUNISM WAS DISCUSSED.

6. JOINT DOCUMENT: IN ADDITION TO COMMUNIQUE, A JOINT DOCUMENT SIMILAR TO THAT ISSUED AFTER HUSAK'S RECENT VISIT TO ROMANIA ENTITLED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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"FOR FURTHER DEVELOPMENT AND DEEPENING OF COOPERATION BETWEEN THE CPCZ AND THE POLISH UNITED WORKERS PARTY, BETWEEN CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND POLAND, FOR THE STRENGTHENING OF FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN THE PEOPLES OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND POLAND" WAS SIGNED. IT APPEARED ON RUDE PRAVO'S FRONT PAGE JULY 8. MAJOR PART OF DOCUMENT IS DEVOTED TO ECONOMIC COOPERATION, SPECIFICALLY COORDINATION OF PLANS FOR 1981-1985. IN FOREIGN AFFAIRS SECTION THERE ARE NO SURPRISES, BUT, IN AN APPARENT ECHO OF HARDER MOSCOW LINE, THE SIGNATORIES "DENOUNCE THE CHAUVINIST, SPLINTERING POLICY OF THE CHINESE LEADERSHIP" AND "RESOLVE TO KEEP OPPOSING THIS POLICY." BY CONTRAST WITH THE CZ-ROMANIAN DECLARATION THE JOINT DOCUMENT WAS UNEQUIVOCAL ABOUT SUPPORTING SOCIALIST UNITY AND PROLETARIAN INTERNATIONALISM AND OPPOSING OPPORTUNISM AND REVISIONISM.

7. ECONOMIC COOPERATION. THE RATHER TENTATIVE TREATMENT OF ECONOMIC COOPERATION, PRIMARILY REFERENCES TO "TASKS AHEAD," "POSSIBILITIES OF BROADENING COOPERATION" AND OTHER POTENTIALS FOR THE FUTURE SUGGESTS THE TWO COUNTRIES STILL HAVE A WAY TO GO BEFORE RESOLVING BILATERAL ECONOMIC ISSUES.

8. COMMENT: APPARENTLY AN UNREMARKABLE AND ROUTINE VISIT, WITH THE USUAL ORGANIZED MANIFESTATIONS OF

PUBLIC JOY IN GREETING THE VISITORS.
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